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SUBJECT: AWACS EUROPEAN DEPLOYMENT AND DEMONSTRATION

1. ON JANUARY 8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USAFE AWACS TASK FORCE PRESENTED A BRIEFING TO AIR STAFF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE AWACS DEMONSTRATION NOW SCHEDULED TO BE CONDUCTED IN EUROPE DURING APRIL 1975. DURING THE BRIEFING IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE US STRIVE FOR DEEPER INVOLVEMENT AND MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY OUR NATO ALLIES IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE DEMONSTRATION. USAFE AGREED AND EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO EXTEND INVITATIONS ONCE THE AIR STAFF PROVIDED FORMAL APPROVAL AND APPROPRIATE NATO REPRESENTATIVES COULD BE IDENTIFIED. APPROVAL WAS PROVIDED USAFE ON JANUARY 14.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE PURPOSE OF THIS DEPLOYMENT IS TO DEMONSTRATE THE UNIQUE CAPABILITIES OF AWACS IN THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT. THIS IMPROVED VERSION OF THE AWACS
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IS CONFIGURED TO MEET SOME OF THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

SET FORTH IN THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER'S REPORT AND SHOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO OUR NATO ALLIES. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS DEPLOYMENT BE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR FORCE ACQUISITION PROPOSAL. FOR THIS REASON A SUCCESSFUL AND

HIGHLY INTEGRATED DEMONSTRATION, WITH MAXIMUM NATO INVOLVEMENTS, IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. IN VIEW OF THE CNAD APRIL MEETING AND THE FACT THAT THE SCHEDULED AWACS DEMONSTRATION IS CLOSELY ALIGNED THERETO, PLANNING EFFORTS MUST GO FORWARD EXPEDITIOUSLY. AS YOU KNOW, THE NEXT PLANNING MEETING IS SCHEDULED AT RAMSTEIN AIR BASE FROM JANUARY 16 TO 22. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL, EVEN AT THIS LATE DATE, IF WE COULD INVOLVE SOME OF OUR NATO ALLIES IN THIS MEETING. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THE NEXT MOST PROMISING OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE AT THE JANUARY 30-31 NATO AWACS SPECIAL TASK GROUP MEETING IN ROME.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE BY US MISSION NATO TO COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH USAF IN IDENTIFYING APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION AS WELL AS THE FLIGHT PHASE OF THE DEMONSTRATION. SHOULD USAF AGREE, AND US MISSION NATO DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE AND ADVISABLE, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO THE FRENCH. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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